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Urban Affairs Committee. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 10, referred to the Urban Affairs Committee. That committee refers the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to open on LB 483.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body, I'm here to introduce LB 433 (sic--483). It deals only with first class cities and deals when a city vacates a alley or a street. And what is in the law right now is that the...when a city vacates...a city of the first class, the title of the property remains with the city but it can...it may be sold for any price agreed upon by the mayor and three-fourths of the city council. This is unique to first class cities. What this does, it simply...the property is shared by the two owners of the property. If Senator Beutler and myself were owners of property and we had this space in between us, as it is right now, the city could open it up and Senator Thompson could buy it, rather than turn it over to the owners of the adjacent property. And simply...this simply puts this first class city in line when...when a city vacates city's...or alley property, it simply goes...half goes to each one of the property owners, the same as what is in all the other cities. This open...will conclude my opening and I will be glad to answer any questions.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. On the advancement of LB 483, Senator Janssen. (Gavel)

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. When this bill was heard in committee, I was appalled of the fact that these kind of things could happen, when an alley was abandoned that your neighbor could end up owning right up next to your property and you'd have no access to your property. So this bill is something that, as far as I'm concerned, should have been taken care of a long time ago, and I will support it, as part of your committee, and will support it here on the floor. Good legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Further